

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement. Claims 87-107 are all unchanged from the form in which they were previously presented and allowed in the present case, while claims 108-122 are newly added.

The accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) cites references from a prior art search conducted after the pending claims were allowed in order to supplement that performed prior to the filing of the present application. The IDS also cites references cited in U.S. patent number 6,181,162, which was itself previously cited in an Office Action, and a continuation-in-part of patent number 6,181,162. (It appears that several of these references may have been previously cited in the October 30, 2002, Office Action in which U.S. patent number 6,181,162 was itself cited; however, this is unclear as the appropriate form PTO-892 appears not to have been received. Consequently, all of these references are being submitted for completeness.) Additional references cited in a recently issued divisional of the continuation-in-part to patent number 6,181,162 will be submitted in an additional IDS that should follow within a week of this submission. The IDS is being filed with an RCE as the pending claims in the present application have already been allowed.

This opportunity is also being taken to add a number of new claims. Newly added independent claim 108 is of similar scope to previously allowed claim 88 and believed allowable for the much same reasons as for claim 88. The other newly added independent claims, claims 114 and 117, are respectively method and system claims drawn to the similar aspects of the present invention.

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Consideration of claims 87-122 and an early indication of their allowance are respectfully requested.

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